

REMARKS

Claims 1-29, 31 and 36 have been canceled. Thus, claims 30 and 32-35 are currently pending in the application.

Claim 30 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over Saab 5,624,392 in view of Saringer 5,895,418, and Utterberg et al. 6,383,158 Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Claim 31 was objected to but was indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 31 was depending only on independent claim 30. Applicants have amended independent claim 31 to incorporate all of the limitations of claim 31. Applicants therefore respectfully submit that claim 30 as amended is now allowable over the cited art, and requests the rejection be withdrawn and that claim 30, and claims 32-35 dependent therefrom be allowed.

CONCLUSION

Applicant has carefully reviewed the arguments presented in the Office Action and respectfully requests reconsideration of the claims in view of the remarks presented. In light of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Should the Examiner have any questions concerning the above amendments and arguments, or any suggestions for further amending the claims to obtain allowance, Applicants request that the Examiner contact Applicants' attorney, John Fitzgerald, at 310-242-2667.

Please charge any additional fees payable in connection with this Amendment to our Deposit Account No. 06-2425. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

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